

the TROY MUSEUM GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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MUSIC IS CHRISTMAS - CHRISTMAS IS MUSIC

Bev Garside has done it again! December's exhibit of music boxes and musical instruments is a real beauty. You won't want to miss this colorfully festive display and it is so appropriate for the Christmas Holidays. The theme of "Music is Christmas - Christmas is Music" is punctuated with a tape of the music boxes on display. This technique is particularly effective and adds much to the atmosphere. So, as one of the posters state, "If you hear the music, join the singing." Bev has put hours and hours in setting up the exhibition (including eight hour days). She has begged and borrowed items from friends, relatives, and even strangers. Once again the Museum has benefited from Bev Garside's masterful skills, design talents, and dedication.

Highlighting the display are two complete costumes. One is Ukrainian which is very ornate, quite colorful, and adds to the festive mood. The beautiful embroidery and handwork of the costume is stunning. A stringed instrument, called a cymbolum, is part of the Ukrainian set. The other costume is a Royal Stewart Tartan uniform and is augmented with a set of bagpipes. The Scottish plaids, bold blacks, and simple but massive jewelry is distinctive. The hat, spats, belts, and skirt round out the display.

Music boxes from around the world will entice even the youngsters. There is an early 1800's Swiss movement music box along with an early Victorian French Nessaire, an Italian music box with beautiful inlaid top, several oriental pieces, and two Manivelles. From delicate intricacy to simplistic elegance is the range of style. Over 30 music boxes are in the display and many are unique.

Over 15 musical instruments require your careful inspection. In keeping with the international theme, the exhibition includes an English horn, a German lyrophone, a French metronome, and a bazooki from Greece. The

very simple wood pitch pipe contrasts sharply with the very old, rare, hand painted violin. There are also recorders, bugles, a piccolo, and a pianophone. The museum's Victrola Talking Machine and our Edison cylinder phonograph have been included. Don't miss the zither, banjo, or ukelin. Many of these instruments are quite rare and unique. All of them, however, are interesting and deserving of your attention.

Turn on the 8 track player on top of one of the cases in the Michigan Room for our visitors' enjoyment. Bev Garside deserves a round of applause for a job very well done. Take a moment to thank her and let her know that the hours of hard work are truly appreciated.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT FEATURES ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

The Japanese attack on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 killed 1,176 men within 9 minutes. Twenty-nine of those killed were from Michigan. A Troy resident, James W. Green, is the only Michigan survivor of that attack who is still living. Two days after the bombing, Green volunteered for salvage duty and was transferred to the Navy Yard to begin a two-week training as a deep sea diver. He worked for six months diving into the Arizona and bringing up everything possible. Some of the items he recovered are on display at the Museum - an egg cup and spoon belonging to Admiral Issaac C. Kidd, Japanese money, and documents. Included in this special display are pictures of the bombing, the salvage work, and an unusual picture of Green with the Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A model of the U.S.S. Arizona and the hat band, dog tag, and rank patch of a Japanese sailor are part of the display. Newspaper headlines declare "WAR." Mr. Green earned many medals during the war which, along with the citation he received from Admiral C.W. Nimitz of the U.S. Navy, have been included for your viewing.

It was 37 years ago this month that the U.S.S. Arizona was bombed. We are fortunate to have Mr. Green's mementos which tell the vivid story of a sad but very real part of American history.



APPRECIATION LUNCHEON JUST FOR YOU

Mark December 20, 1978 (Wednesday) on your calendar. That is the day of a special Guild luncheon. The Museum staff and members of the Historical Commission will provide everything - all you have to do is to come and enjoy. The menu is just being planned but word has it that hot casseroles and lots of other goodies will be offered. This is our way of thanking you for your hard work and dedication.

Gladys Nancarrow has been requested to play the piano so we can have an old fashioned sing-a-long. Rich Drue, our resident photographer, will present slides or pictures of events at the Museum in years past. Its a party just for you! Call the Museum office at 689-9178 and let us know if you can come. Our new Curator will be there too so please plan on being with us on the 20th!



CILDREN'S WEEK 1978

It's just around the corner. "Children's Week at the Museum" for 1978 is during the week of December 10th. Everyone's help is needed. If you have not been put on the schedule please call Muriel Gordon in the office at 689-9178 or Virginia Bollinger at 879-6813 to let them know what time you can spare. Guided tours will be offered between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day Monday through Friday. Several hundred kids visit our Museum during this very special week. Please help us make it enjoyable for them. Even if you can only spare a few hours we need you. Do call today.

QUESTERS SUPPORTIVE OF TROY MUSEUM

The "Quester Quarterly", a national publication, recently included a picture of our Museum and a short article about the Museum and Historic Village. The local Chapter of the Questers, Elijah Willits (Apple Island), has donated \$290 to the Museum this past year. Virginia Bollinger and Hazel Shubert are members and were influential in getting the grant for the Museum. We appreciate the dedication and support of the Questers.

LACE IDENTIFICATION IN JANUARY

On January 28, 1979 the Great Lakes Lace Group will meet at the Museum from 12 noon to 4 p.m. In addition to touring our facilities they will help identify lace for any of our Guild members. If you have lace you would like to have identified or evaluated please let us know. You need not attend their meeting. You can drop off your items at the Museum prior to the meeting if you desire. More information on this next month!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Many new books have recently been added to the Museum library. Any member of the Guild may borrow a book from our collection simply by making out a loan card and leaving it with Muriel. Most of the new books are on antiques and have beautiful illustrations and pictures. Come in and browse.

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DON'T FORGET DECEMBER 20th
12:00 NOON -- SPECIAL LUNCHEON
EVERYTHING PROVIDED --JUST BRING YOU!



Tucker's Garden

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